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NEWS

June, 1980

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Monterey Energy Project

After several days of glorious weather, May 31 dawned dark and damp. Undaunted, the organizers of Monterey Energy Day arrived at 8:30 A.M. to set up speakers' tables, a sound system and exhibitors' booths in Greene Park however. A light but depressingly steady rain soon began to fall, and it was decided with reluctance to turn Energy Day into an indoor event. Exhibits were moved into the church basement, while the forums were held upstairs in the church proper. This new setting lent an air of authority to the proceedings and gave many of us the feeling that, after all, Heaven was smiling on our enterprise.

The forums were lively and informative. One of the day's highlights was Jim Manwell's report on his survey of potential hydroelectric sites in town. Jim looked at four sites and calculated that two of them were reasonable locations for electricity production. Some members of the audience were dismayed to learn that it would cost well over \$100,000 to develop the two sites, and even then, they would supply only a fraction of Monterey's electricity. Still, the town energy plan ultimately to be worked out may include some use of water, as well as wind power, to provide electricity.

Many residents of Monterey, including a number of summer people who have not been able to attend earlier Energy Project meetings, got a chance to speak out on their own energy concerns. Several made useful suggestions about areas in which the Energy Project might be involved, for example, providing consumer information on the bewildering variety of systems available to those who want to heat with wood. Eleven of the best essays on energy topics written by members of Steve Small's sixth-grade class were read, and the authors were awarded Monterey Energy Project t-shirts.

Now that Monterey Energy Day is history, members of the Energy Project are making plans for a fund-raising auction to be held on July 26. The profits will go toward the purchase of wind-monitoring equipment. On June 26, the regular bi-weekly meeting will be a very important organizational meeting. Our incorporation papers have been received and it is now time to ratify our by-laws and take other official steps that will make the Monterey Energy Project a viable organization in the eyes of government agencies and private foundations awarding grant money. All members of the Energy Project are urged to attend.

Parks Commission Report

Scott Jervis will be the lifeguard on duty at the Town Beach from 10 to 5 on weekends through the month of June. After that the lifeguard will be on duty from 1 to 5 on weekdays and from 10 to 5 on weekends. A word to the wise: No dogs allowed.

Free swimming lessons are available to all Monterey children and summer guests from age 5 up on weekdays from 1 to 3 PM during the period between July 7 and July 18. Mary Ellen Brown will be the instructor. For information, call 528-1598.

I Love Monterey Day T-Shirt

To commemorate this year's I Love Monterey Day is a new edition T-shirt created by David Raney, Joel Schick and Arthur Woods. The Theme "A Celebration of Community" is represented in a multi-colored image that will be available on a beige, light blue or kelly green shirt in a range of children and adult sizes. It will be possible to place advanced orders at Millie Walsh's Gas and Nutrition Station or by calling 528-1988. The price will be \$5.00 each and all proceeds will benefit the activities of I Love Monterey Day. (See article on next page for more on I Love Monterey Day)

Children's Summer Playgroup

The Mothers of Monterey will be having a Wednesday morning playgroup during the summer beginning June 18, at Gould Farm. Time is from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., and the age group spans from about 10 months to 5 years. All are welcome to come and participate in occasional excursions to the beach, games, music, etc. For further information and/or directions to the Farm, contact Joan Vogel at 528-3899.

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I Love Monterey Day 1980

On Friday, May 2, the third public We Love Monterey Meeting took place. The central discussion was about this year's "I Love Monterey Day", scheduled for Saturday, July 5 (rain date is July 6). This year the theme is going to be "A Celebration of Community - a day to explore and celebrate the growing spirit of community and cooperation in Monterey.

The plans for the day include a crafts fair, talks about local history, activities for children, songs and poems about Monterey and community, a community sing along, a parade, displays by various groups (such as the Monterey Energy Project, the Co-op, etc.) a talk by Reverend Brallier about community, and a contra dance. Everyone can help set the tone for the day by finding or writing a short quote or poem that expresses what community means to them and making a poster of it. These will be used to create a display on I Love Monterey Day of our ideas and feeling about community, so bring them along. Schedules of events will be posted around town beginning in a couple of weeks.

For all those who are interested in participating in some way in I Love Monterey Day, sign-up sheets will soon be posted on the porch of the General Store, at Millie's, and at the Roadside Store. Just sign up under the appropriate category and the organizing committee will get back to you. For example, if someone wants to play in the band during the parade, there will be a place to sign your name, instrument, and phone number, and you'll be contacted about rehearsals. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please call Sharon Steinberg 528-4115, or Will Friedman 528-2348.

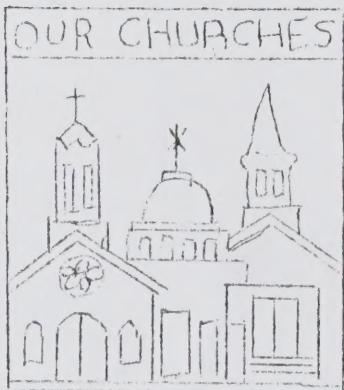
Community Dinner

Wednesday, June 30, 6:30 P.M. Bring a covered dish or a salad and your own place settings.

Library Hours

Monday - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.; Tuesday - 9:30 - Noon; Wednesday - 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Thursday and Friday - closed, Saturday - 9:30 - Noon and 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Summer schedule: Our Lady of the Hills will open Saturday, July 5, 7:00 P.M., for the first Mass of the season. Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday 5:30 P.M.; Sunday, 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday 10:00 A.M.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning Worship Each Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

Inquirer's Class The class, which is for adults considering becoming members of the church had its first meeting early in June.

The agenda was to discover areas those in the class wished to consider. The following is not a fixed outline but contains some of the areas the group wishes to study.

- 1) How shall we think about God? What about the Trinity as a picture of God, and other ways of thinking concerning God?
- 2) Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. The events themselves. How these events relate to the events of our lives.
- 3) Creation: Pictures to explain all that is; creation as a continuing action of God.
- 4) Sin: Original and otherwise: Dealing with the drama of good and evil surrounding our lives.
- 5) Old Testament roots of Christianity. The relationship of Judaism and Christianity.
- 6) Roman Catholic and Protestant: Common elements and divergences.
- 7) The whole household of faith: World Religions and our expression of faith. The future of faith.
- 8) Ceremonies and Rituals in the church: Their origin, meaning, present purpose.
- 9) The United Church of Christ: History, faith, directions.

This is one of the most ambitious programs attempted for an inquirer's class in recent years. Yet there is a "great thirst to know" among those participating. The sessions will begin on Monday, July 7 at 7:30 P.M. in the parsonage. Any persons interested in participating are asked to speak to Dr. Brallier.

Choir Rehearsal Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the church. New members welcome.

Prayer Group meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at the home of Lucy Smith.

Prayer and Meditation before work 7:30 - 8:00 A.M. Thursday mornings in the Church social room.

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

The I Love Monterey Day theme has been selected. The day is to be a celebration of community. Let's take a little time to look at the word community. Community is there whichever way you look. Humans are social creatures, so it is basic to our humanness to be involved in some form of community. We could say that community is one of the most common factors there is, so why give the second thought to it?

True, community is one of the most basic facts of our existence. It has been well said, "You can't be human alone." Yet the nature of community is exceedingly variable. Communities can be loose as in a conglomeration of people who happen to be living in an area, or they can be tight-knit and very cohesive as within some families. They can include many people, and some might see a grouping of two or three persons as constituting their fundamental community.

A fact that impresses itself on me is that it is within community that our sense of what it is to be human takes its form and is given expression. The arena for development and expression of the person is in the various communities in which a person participates. Oh yes, and the interplay goes the other way as well. The communities in which one participates more than the person realizes shapes the images of the self that he bears. The differing dramas that flow around the corporate executive in New York City and the Zulu tribesman are more than individual whims. The community of which each is a part places a powerful stamp on the individual. Indeed, would anyone question that in such instances the community shapes the person much more than the person shapes the community? Well, so much for general observations about community. Let us proceed with the general understanding that more profoundly than we ordinarily realize each of us is a producer of and a product of community.

Right now Monterey is planning a celebration of itself as a community in its second I Love Monterey Day. What kind of a community is Monterey? It depends on who is experiencing and speaking. Recently someone in New York characterized the area in which Monterey lies as "stagnant, where people have gone to escape from life." Another person who recently came to Monterey spoke of this as "a place where people really care about each other." Still another person who has been in Monterey for a good many years said, "People give me all the space I need, but if something happens you can be sure that someone will soon be at your side." What kind of community is Monterey? Surely, it must be seen as having many different shapes and colors. Of course it means different things to different people. Because that is so it is, indeed, a risky business for any person to try making a definitive statement about the character of the Monterey community.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." I will take the role of a fool since I never made it as an angel anyway. From a long way back there has been evidence that the people of Monterey have had a strong inclination to work together in a cooperative fashion. In New England's Monterey by Julius Miner and Margery Mansfield, the writers give various incidents in which a spirit of cooperation appeared when it seemed some enterprise was about to go under. Yet a few people counseling together and finally drawing others into the counsel saved the day. Of course, that is not unique to Monterey. I am sure that instances can be cited also showing the failure of cooperative action in Monterey. Yet over-all there is a rather impressive record pointing toward a cooperative spirit that manifests itself again and again among the people of Monterey.

Why have a celebration of community this summer? As I observe it this has come simply because there is something to celebrate. Monterey has been exploring ways in which our people can find avenues to help each other and stand with each other in the days that are ahead. No one really knows what lies ahead, but most indications point to a more difficult period. It is no secret that the crunch of inflation on fixed incomes is pressing more and more people into hard places.

The increasing cost of all forms of energy tells us our old independent ways will no longer serve us well. You and I and all the rest of us are getting crowded "into the same boat." The way I use energy affects you; the way you use energy affects me. Like it or not your welfare and mine are more interlinked than any time before in our history. Monterey has responded to this fact. Indeed, it has responded so strongly which makes other towns around us ask, "How did you get that way?" Everyone has concerns about energy. There is practically no person, no town, no area that is not worried or concerned. Yes, and many groups have been formed to try to do something about it. The experience in many a town trying to confront this issue is that after a few meetings the energy to deal with energy starts to fade away - especially when it becomes clear that there are no quick or easy solutions. Yet the Monterey Energy Committee with a broad base of support in the town goes on and on and on. The concern over energy has turned out to be not a whimsical fad but a solid commitment. That is something for a community to celebrate. It is right and proper to celebrate this. It is clear that the spirit of cooperation which began long, long years ago is still alive and well in Monterey.

A further reason for celebration is that the same spirit of cooperation that is present in the energy field is now starting to manifest itself in other areas of our life together. Some of these manifestations will be evident in the celebration of I love Monterey Day.

In the Judeo-Christian heritage there is the vision that the peoples of the earth

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Lydia Snow became acquainted with Gould Farm as a two year old, when her father was Executive Director, from 1960-1962. She returned three years ago to work on the staff for the summer. This year on May 18th she came back again for a few months to join the summer staff. In the early Fall she will leave for her senior year at the University of Vermont.

Goldie Wilson from Eustis, Florida, came to the Farm May 31st at the suggestion of her friend, Mrs. Mildred Smith, Kent Smith's mother. Goldie says she likes the Farm very much. She plans to stay through September taking the place of Luel McIntosh, who is on vacation as house-parent at East House.

Mark Wenger, who lives in Lancaster, Pa., read about the Farm in Sojourners' Magazine, and came here June 4th, for the summer. He graduated a year ago, with a BA degree in history and religion from Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonberg, Va. He spent a year studying at Elkhart College in Indiana and plans to continue in college in the Fall.

Rob Groff, who worked at the Farm last summer, returned June 2 to join the staff for a month or so. He took his first year of college at Goshen, Indiana. He is going on to Moorburg, Germany to study at the University.

Mrs. Edna Loder has come from Colorado to make her home here, with her son, Cory, and his family. An extra bedroom is being added to the cottage for her use. Mrs. Loder has visited the Farm a number of times and has made herself a welcome member of the group.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Monterey Grange met May 21 at an open meeting. 32 members, 35 visitors and 37 non members were present. Deputy Lucy A. Nuori presented a Community Service Award to Mildred Walsh, Marshall was Rev. Virgil Brallier. Post Deputy Ronald Wert from Sheffield presented a 50 Yr. jewel to Sister Lois Chapin Carpenter. Marshall was Roy Shaw past master from Alford Grange. Members of the Walsh family, friends, Police Chief Douglas Lyman and Fireman Tony Reed were also present. The program consisted of a Safety Number, readings, community singing, a skit and accordian selections by Brother Norwood Ringer from Mellenville, N.Y. Program concluded with Rev. Ray Ward taking part in the "Lords Prayer by Candlelight".

The Grange met on June 4 for election of officers. Worthy Master John Lossin was re-elected as were most of the other officers. Ann Vickerman is New Treasurer.

The members will meet at the Worthy Lecturer's house on June 13 for a mystery ride in charge of Reibard Hardesty. On June 24, the grange will go to Umpachene Grange for a Competition Program. Grange won 2nd prize for Grange week display in contest sponsored by Berk So Pomona Grange. Dates will be announced soon for Pancake breakfasts and food sales. A donation was made to the hearing Dog Program. It was voted to let the Fire Department use the Hall June 26. Next meeting will be June 16 for Annual Youth Night.

PERSONALS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Michael Denier on his marriage to Rebecca Corbin. Michael is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Phoenix. Mr. and Mrs. Denier are residing in Georgia.

Local Craftspeople selected for National Craft Exhibition

David Raney's neo-primitive clay sculptures and Michael and Maureen Banner's free form precious metal jewelry will be represented in the 1980 Rhinebeck National Craft Exhibition in Rhinebeck, New York from June 22nd to 29th. The exhibition includes 500 craftspeople selected from a large field of national entrants. Crafts for sale will include furniture, toys, glass objects, musical instruments, weaving and other fiber arts. The show will be open to the public from June 27th through the 29th from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. Rhinebeck is located on the Hudson River an hour and a half's drive southwest of Monterey.

Arthur Woods, an American painter who has worked for the last six years in Switzerland, will have his first show since his return to the United States at the Shade Gallery in Lenox, Mass. beginning June 28 with an opening reception from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. Arthur and his wife Heidi and son Louis have been living in Monterey since November, 1979.

(The Personal News depends almost entirely on what the readers send in. Please do not be bashful about yourself, happenings in your family, or about people you know other readers of the Monterey News would be interested in. People do like to know about people.)



GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies On Wednesday May 21, the Brownies of Troop #237 held their annual Court of Awards Ceremony and Pot Luck Supper with Junior Troop #460. Shelby Loder "flew up" to Girl Scouts and she received her wings, her Girl Scout pin and her Bridge to Girl Scouts patch. Our three first year Brownies, Florence Jones, Brooke Loder and Nancy Phillips received their World Association pins and all the Brownies received their one-year membership pins and their Brownie B patches.

Juniors and Cadettes

Some of the Girl Scouts attended a one day camp-out at Camp Bigford in New Marlboro on June 7. The girls made trails, ate a "tin-foil" lunch and learned general camping techniques. The Juniors ended this year of meetings in mid-June.

YOUTH GROUP

The two Youth Groups have combined their meetings and planning efforts for the close of this year's meetings. The Junior and Senior groups are both working on planning their annual Riverside Amusement Park trip which will take place after school is out. Both groups are also working on scheduling a retreat in mid-July to Warner Farm in Cummington, Massachusetts.

LITTLE LEAGUE

This year's Little League team is off and running! The Monterey Yankees have a 2-1 record as of June 8. In their first game against the Sheffield Giants, the Yankees lost. However, against the Egremont Indians in their second game, the Monterey team posted a victory. Their rivalry game against the Mill River Red Sox was rained out and will be made up at a later date. The Yankees also won their fourth game against the Sheffield Braves. The Yankees played the Giants, in Sheffield, on June 9 and they tackled the Sheffield Braves, also in Sheffield, on June 12.

Kevin Bradley

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Monterey News has been alive for a decade. It was born in the Spring of 1970, conceived of and underwritten by the church, envisioned to be a means by which communication could be improved between summer and year-round residents and among year-round residents themselves. Over the last ten years it has provided a lively if haphazard record of life in Monterey in the Seventies. In its pages, political fomentation exists side by side with accounts of bandage rolling by the Ladies' Aide, Brownie meetings, Reverend Brallier's editorial sermonettes, musings on nature by local enthusiasts, poetry, clothing drives, Town Meetings, tax deadlines, and the tedious and infinitely technical battle against eutrophication of the lakes. There are accounts of the first Arts Festival, the transformation of the dump, Monterey's 125th Birthday, the Bicentennial re-enactment of the Henry Knox passage, the acceptance of the present Town Seal, the Monterey By-Pass Controversy, new zoning laws regarding gravel pits and multi-family dwellings, the first Community Dinner and the last traditional Children's Christmas Party, are intermingled with the activities of the Church, the story of the vast and mutable community that is Gould Farm and an assortment of uncategorizable but distinctive announcements and vignettes.

As a community-based newsletter, the Monterey News is rather unique. It has existed all this time solely on contributions. Its character has changed hardly at all over the years. Now the Eighties are upon us. For the Monterey News this Summer will be a time of transition and experimentation. We invite suggestions and ideas. Perhaps we don't need to change a thing. But perhaps we do. How about space for barter and trade and carpooling? What about more news from the Regional Schools? Shall we print a schedule of all public hearings and open meetings in town? Should we do more political exposition like the Town Meeting Primer? Shall we list County Resources, print an entertainment guide, print more poetry, give accounts of Natural Resources (interesting people, wildflowers, stars)? Please respond in writing to Box 264, Monterey, Mass. or call Ellen Pearson (529-1988) with your ideas.

Free Plants on the porch of the General Store for whoever wants organically grown garden plants.

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY (continued)

will be united. The vision is that God is the principal actor in bringing this unity into being. Justice and peace among the earth's people is to result. The constant theme of Jesus' teaching was the kingdom of God. The picture of this kingdom continues to point toward a perfected form of community.

Whether you think in secular or religious terms, what kind of community would you think it appropriate to celebrate? Would you find yourself inclined to celebrate movements toward cooperation and harmony? I have not found any perfect community yet. But there is that in me which celebrates any evidence that men and women and children are finding better ways to share their lives with each other.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

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A Late Personal Item

Dean P. Amidon of Sandisfield Road is also the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. He received the Man-of-the-Year award for his public works accomplishments on May 20 at Boston's Pier 4 Restaurant. The award was sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

"Human beings are forever killing one another over words, whereas if they had only understood what the words were trying to say, they would have embraced one another.

--Anatole France

"I can't give you a formula for success, but I can give you a formula for failure.
Try to please everybody.

--Henry Baird Swope

"It is when we all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity.

--Dag Hammarskjold

"There is happiness and pain, and one helps you to appreciate the other.

--Rose Naranjo

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MONTEREY ENERGY DAY

To the people and friends of Monterey:

The Monterey Energy Project would like to invite each and every one of you to take part in Monterey Energy Day, Saturday May 31st from 10AM to 6PM in Greene Park.

Monterey Energy Day will provide townspeople the chance to participate in a series of forums and discussions on the energy issue. The day's events will include presentations by experts in alternative energy sources, representatives of the utility companies, a report on the progress of energy planning in Monterey, a citizens speak-out on the energy crisis, a model-building contest and essay contest for schoolchildren, and a forum on our energy future. In addition, local energy organizations and suppliers will set up information booths to demonstrate their services and products.

MONTEREY ENERGY DAY

THE ENERGY AROUND US, 10AM - 12:30PM

The Wind: Bob Hebert, Energy 2000, Winsted, Connecticut.

The Water: Jim Manwell, Hydro-power consultant, Franklin County Energy Project.

The Sun: Ned Nisson, Director, Center for Ecological Technology, Pittsfield.

Alternative Energy: Ronald Howland, Massachusetts Electric.

PICNIC LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30

CITIZENS SPEAK-OUT ON ENERGY 1:30 - 2:30

A brief report on the progress of the Monterey Energy Project, then comments, opinions, questions from anyone and everyone with something to say.

Reverend Virgil Brallier: Moderator.

MODEL-BUILDING CONTEST and ESSAY CONTEST 2:30 - 3:30

THE ENERGY FUTURE: A LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN TODAY AND TOMORROW.

3:30 - 5:30 Bonner McAllister: Moderator.

Laura Dubester: Center for Ecological Technology.

Eileen Pratt: Zero Population Growth.

William Semanis: Northeast Utilities.

Mark Cherniak: Franklin County Energy Study.

Mickey Friedman: Monterey Energy Project.

PLEASE COME AND PARTICIPATE

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Monterey Energy Day is a joint project of the Monterey Energy Project, the Berkshire Alliance for Safe Energy, and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

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present meeting of the World's Fair.
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